I have been in amateur radio since 1963. The area in question could be used much more if it were reallocated to the phone portion of the band. I think a small portion should be retained for those persons who really do use the area for CW. I use these bands almost every day and I believe that the novice use has declined somewhat in the last few years. A reallocation has been needed. I usually pass through these areas on my way to the lower CW frequencies and occassionally do hear novices (low sending speed) there. If Approved, this new area will be greatly appreciated by many radio operators. KOKEN